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As of May, 1960, the headquarters of the [illegible] was located at 1[illegible] Fell Street, San Francisco, California.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO AREA

On May 7, 1968, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DBC) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DBC as an affiliate of the National DBC.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DBC chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DBC and the North Side DBC, neither of which currently maintain headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DBC and there are no chartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of the members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DBC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: January 23, 1969

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

G.C Moore

To advise you of recent developments in our investigation of the SCLC, the organization of the late Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our sources have reported that the SCLC plans to make April 4, 1969, (the anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination) a day of repentence for the nation. Stanley Levison told an SCLC official that there should be a conference of organizations in February to organize this mobilization. Groups involved in the Poor People's Campaign, church organizations, unions, and supporters of Senator Eugene McCarthy should also be involved. Levison rejected a suggestion by James Bevel, an SCLC official, that this be an international mobilization. Levison, an advisor to the SCLC, has been identified as a long time secret member of the Communist Party, USA. Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President of SCLC, has said April 4th will be a day for the boycott of schools and businesses by blacks. [redacted]

Levison conferred with Coretta King, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s widow, regarding the Martin Luther King Memorial Center. Levison said he is a primary trustee of this center and has been involved in the major planning for it. He told Mrs. King that Ann Farnsworth Peretz and her husband Martin Peretz have decided to contribute $10,000 to this center. Peretz has been publicly identified as a financial contributor to New Left causes. His wife is a Singer sewing machine heiress. [redacted]

This information has been disseminated to the Army, Air Force, Secret Service, the Inter-Division Information Unit, Internal Security, Civil Rights Divisions of the Department, and the information about the day of repentence has been included in the daily White House summary on racial matters.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)

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OF CHICAGO DCC

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the National DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. These delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble of the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965 identities of those serving of the NEC has varied;

however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of May, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 1830 Fell Street, San Francisco, California.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-34)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-892)

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION TO PETITION JANUARY 15TH BE DESIGNATED NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN HONOR OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, 1/15/69, NYC
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C SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
~~ReNYtel, 1/15/69.~~

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM.

Information copies of enclosed LHM are being furnished locally to OSI, NISO, 108th MI, Secret Service and USAS, SDNY and EDNY.

An information copy of enclosed LHM is being furnished to Atlanta since it is office of origin concerning the SCLC.

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Demonstration To Petition January 15th
Be Designated National Holiday in Honor
Of Reverend Martin Luther King,
January 15, 1969, New York City

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On January 15, 1969, [redacted] advised that at about 11:30 AM on that date about 160 individuals, including 60 school children, assembled at Trinity Church, 74 Trinity Place, New York City, and from there marched up Broadway to City Hall where they demonstrated in support of a petition calling for recognition of Reverend Martin Luther King's birth date, January 15th, as a national holiday. The group of demonstrators was led by Negro clergymen.

The entire march and demonstration were very orderly and no arrests or incidents occurred. The demonstration terminated at 12:35 PM on 1/15/69.

There were no other demonstrations elsewhere in New York City on January 15, 1969.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference

REV. RALPH ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT SCLC, IN CHICAGO TODAY AND SPOKE AT WEEKLY OPERATION BREADBASKET MEETING AT PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH. ABERNATHY CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT ELECT NIXON FOR FAILURE TO APPOINT BLACKS TO CABINET POSITIONS; DISAGREED WITH NIXON'S EMPHASIS ON BLACK CAPITALISM, STATING WANTS RICH BLACK COMMUNITIES, NO RICH BLACK MEN. URGED NIXON DECLARE MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY, JANUARY FIFTEEN, AS NATIONAL HOLIDAY AND STATED ANNIVERSARY OF KING'S SLAYING, APRIL FOUR, NEXT, WILL BE DAY FOR BLACK BOYCOTT OF SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES.

URGED JAMES EARL RAY, KING'S ACCUSED SLAYER, BE FREED AS KING NOT KILLED BY A MAN BUT BY A SYSTEM.

ADMINISTRATIVE

CHICAGO PD AWARE ABERNATHY'S PRESENCE CHICAGO. CHICAGO NEWS MEDIA WIDELY REPORTING ABERNATHY'S REMARKS. NO DISSEMINATION NECESSARY. LHM FOLLOWS.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of a LHM containing information furnished by [redacted] on 1/6/69, concerning contacts between HARRY WACHTEL and STANLEY LEVISON and STANLEY LEVISON and CORETTA KING.

There is no information in the NY indices identifiable with BETTY BROOKS, formerly of "Ebony" Magazine, who is now employed by SCLC in New York and who is mentioned in this LHM.

During the contact between CORETTA KING and STANLEY LEVISON on 1/6/69, KING mentioned that a LUCILLE BANTA has been trying to reach her through JOE (probably JOE LOWERY, SCLC official) with an idea for a petition from prominent women like CORETTA KING and Mrs. EVERS (probably Mrs. MEDGAR EVERS) to prominent people in Congress who could influence

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1-New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (43)
1-New York (100-91330) (H. P. O'DELL) (41)
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LEVISON said he would not like to see CORETTA involved with someone like LUCILLE BANTA whom he described as an ignorant person who does things without thinking them through. He said she could get word to BANTA that she is too heavily committed in January to get herself involved in a project of this kind. [redacted] b

This information is being reported administratively because of the non-specific nature of the BANTA idea and because LEVISON advised CORETTA KING to avoid it. However, a copy of this LHM is being forwarded to WFO for its information in the event the BANTA idea is put into effect. [redacted] b

It is believed that the LUCILLE BANTA mentioned is LUCILLE BOEHM BANTA an SI subject of the NYO, NY 100-99538, Bureau 100-405899.

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41 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y.

C.P. MEMBER AS OF JULY 1963

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 6, 1969, that on that date, Harry Wachtel contacted Stanley Levison. The source ascertained that Levison told Wachtel that he was against Bill Rutherford being involved in a role in New York and so advised Andrew Young, Executive Vice President of the SCLC. Levison said that he told Young that he would not work with Rutherford and that they then agreed on an arrangement whereby Rutherford would stay in Atlanta on public relations work and be on the SCLC payroll. N.Y. G.A.

Levison further commented that Jack O'Dell will have three functions, one, the picture project (the film on the life of Martin Luther King, Junior), two, benefits that will come up (benefits for the SCLC), and three, whatever offices are still operating in New York that are still SCLC or Quasi-SCLC. He added that, in addition to O'Dell, they have employed a woman, Betty Brooks, who worked for "Ebony" Magazine selling subscriptions to churches so that they have two first-rate people for what Rutherford would have cost. N.Y.

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The source also learned on January 6, 1969, that Levison counseled Coretta King on matters involving her personally such as a request to address the Atlanta Press Club and the choice of architects for the Martin Luther King Memorial. According to the source, Coretta King told Levison that the audience with the Pope (Paul) has been confirmed for January.

Coretta King also advised Levison that a meeting (not described) would be held on Thursday night as well as Friday. Levison said he would be present on Thursday.

Stanley Levison

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Harry Wachtel

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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Jack O'Dell N.Y.

The Fall, 1968, issue of "Freedomways" Magazine identifies J. H. O'Dell (Jack O'Dell) as its Associate Magazine Editor.

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, publisher of "Freedomways" Magazine is set forth in the appendix.

APPENDIX

1.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

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The second Quarter, 1968, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE	Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON	Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL	Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE	Art Editor

"The Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper, June 25, 1967, Page 10, contained an article on a memorial to MIKE GOLD held at Town Hall, New York City, the previous Friday night. It said that one of the speakers was JOHN HENRIK CLARKE of "Freedomways".

"The Worker", May 21, 1967, Page 3, contained an article on the death of MIKE GOLD on May 15, 1967, in San Francisco, California. It described him as having been an author and columnist for "The Worker" for 32 years. It noted that he joined the CP "shortly after it was founded and to which he adhered till the day he died".

A third source advised on February 16, 1968, that a committee from the 6th Assembly District Club, Kings County CP, visited BUNNY DEVINE, a member of that club, on February 14, 1968, to determine why she had not attended club meetings for

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC. (CONT'D)

more than one year. BUNNY DEVINE said she had talked with JAMES JACKSON about the possibility of organizing a new club in their area with members of their intellectual and cultural level and that he was in favor of it. She said she believed her husband, JOHN DEVINE, and ESTHER JACKSON would join such a club.

A fourth source advised on April 16, 1968, that JAMES JACKSON, husband of ESTHER JACKSON, is the Chairman of the International Affairs Department, CP, USA.

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1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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FROM LOS ANGELES (100-65141)

COMINFIL; SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IS-C.

AT TWELVE NOON JANUARY FIFTEEN INSTANT, SCLC SPONSORED RALLY HELD VICINITY OF FEDERAL BUILDING, THREE HUNDRED NORTH LOS ANGELES STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO COMMEMORATE BIRTH DATE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND TO PROMOTE ESTABLISHMENT AS OF THIS DATE OF NATIONAL HOLIDAY. AMONG THOSE ATTENDING AND SPEAKING WERE REVEREND JAMES HARGETT, LOCAL SCLC LEADER AND SAM YORTY, MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES. APPPROXIMATELY SEVENTY FIVE IN ATTENDANCE. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED. LHM FOLLOWS. LOCAL AGENCIES COGNIZANT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Re Philadelphia teletypes dated 1/19/69 and 1/21/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM titled as above.

Copies are being furnished locally to MI, NISO, OSI, Secret Service, and USA, EDPa.

One copy of this LHM is being forwarded Atlanta for information since Atlanta is OO in SCLC. Two copies are being furnished Memphis since Memphis is OO MURKIN.

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When interviewed on 1/21/69, agents had to wait 30 minutes for BEVEL because BEVEL was holding a meeting in the next room.

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1 - 44-1987 (MURKIN)
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For the information of Atlanta, BEVEL is currently employed at the Health and Welfare Council, Inc., 1428 Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., telephone CE 2-9911.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 23, 1969

JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM

Reverend James Bevel was interviewed at his residence, 919 North 18th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on January 21, 1969. The following are the results of this interview:

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Reverend JAMES BEVEL was interviewed for ten minutes at his residence. He stated he was extremely busy as he had appointments through 11:00 p.m. that day. While the interview was in progress, a woman asked BEVEL if he could speak to a member of the press. BEVEL told her to tell the person on the telephone he was tied up until 11:00 p.m.

BEVEL stated he had proof of the innocence of JAMES EARL RAY in connection with the murder of his good friend Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. BEVEL referred to KING as one of his closest and dearest friends. BEVEL stated that since the FBI was connected with the prosecution and he was involved with the defense, he felt he should not furnish this information.

It was pointed out to BEVEL that the FBI is an investigative agency and does not prosecute anyone. It was also pointed out to BEVEL that the FBI is as interested in proving a person's innocence as proving a person's guilt. BEVEL was advised the FBI was interested in obtaining and proving all facts possible during any investigation.

BEVEL stated he sent a telegram to RAY on Saturday, January 18, 1969, and as of the date of the interview, he had received no answer to his telegram. BEVEL stated in connection with this he planned to call PERCY FOREMAN, Attorney for RAY on the night of January 21, 1969, and offer his services in connection with RAY's defense.

BEVEL stated he would telephone the contacting agents on January 22, 1969, and advise if FOREMAN accepted his offer. BEVEL stated if FOREMAN does not accept his offer to aid the defense, he, BEVEL, plans to drop the entire matter as he feels he has no moral obligation towards RAY to produce his evidence of RAY's innocence if his offer of help is refused.

It was pointed out to BEVEL that if he had evidence of RAY's innocence, it should be brought to the attention of the court. BEVEL again stated he would do so only if he was allowed to be part of RAY's defense.

BEVEL stated that at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING

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On 1/21/69 at Philadelphia, Pa. 2 File # Philadelphia 44-1368

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] EMC:kpb Date dictated 1/22/69

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was shot at the Loraine Motel in Memphia, he was standing on the ground underneath the balcony where KING was shot.

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JAMES EARL RAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM

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On January 22, 1969, Special Agent [redacted] telephonically attempted to contact Reverend Bevel at approximately 2:30 p.m. The person answering stated Reverend Bevel would not return until 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 23, 1969

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Reference Memorandum dated and captioned as above at Philadelphia, Pa.

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Re Chicago teletypes 1/18 - 19/69.

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Chicago, Illinois
January 21, 1969

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), an Atlanta, Georgia, based civil rights organization, was in Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday, January 18, 1969. He was featured speaker at the weekly meeting of Operation Breadbasket, economic program of the SCLC. This meeting was held at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 4622 South Martin Luther King Drive.

Abernathy was critical of President Elect Richard Nixon in remarks made at this meeting, making clear his feelings that Nixon should have appointed representatives of black people to positions in his cabinet, also expressing his disagreement with Nixon's emphasis on Black Capitalism. Abernathy stated that he was not interested in creating rich black men via Black Capitalism, but was interested in creating rich black communities instead.

Abernathy continued that all black people should use whatever influence they could muster to have the President Elect declare Martin Luther King's birthday January 15, as a national holiday and additionally call for a national "work stopage" on April 4, 1969, the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. King. Abernathy had stated "April 4, is Good Friday, the day Jesus was crucified and were going to make America pay for killing dear Martin by stopping the wheels of industry on that day".

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He also urged that black students boycott their respective schools on that day. Abernathy continued that James Earl Ray, the accused slayer of King should be freed since King was killed not by man but by a racist system which made such things possible.

On January 19, 1968, [redacted] had received an anonymous telephone call on that day from an unknown male, who stated "Reverend Abernathy will be killed in Washington D.C." 67D

The only additional information furnished by this caller was that he was calling from "Clark Street".

[redacted] was unable to develop any additional information or suspects relative to this anonymous telephone call.

Copies of the memorandum are being made available to the following agencies:

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois

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Reurlet 3-22-68 concerning the suitability for a telephone surveillance at the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership conference.

Authority to install this surveillance was denied by the former Attorney General by memorandum dated 1-17-69.

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Reurairtel 12-20-67 and Bureau letter 5-15-68, both concerning your request for a telephone surveillance at the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Authority to install this surveillance was denied by the former Attorney General by memorandum dated 1-17-69. For your information the Bureau will consider resubmitting a request for authority to install this surveillance to the present Attorney General. If any action is taken on this matter you will be notified.

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The Attorney General

February 10, 1969

Director, FBI

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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Previous information has been furnished to you on January 23, 1969, concerning the communist influence on the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which he founded.

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The above information is being furnished to Dr. Henry A. Kissinger at the White House.

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1 - Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

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TO DIRECTOR 100-438794 (CODE)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-149194 3P

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"Southern Christian Leadership Conference"

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, LEARNED ON TWO FOUR SIXTY NINE THAT DORA MC DONALD, SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT OF SCLC ATLANTA, CONTACTED STANLEY LEVISON, ADVISOR TO SCLC, REGARDING INTENTION OF CORETTA KING TO CALL PRESIDENT NIXON ON AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY FOUR, TO DISCUSS THE MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL CENTER. MC DONALD WAS FEARFUL CORETTA MAY PLACE HERSELF UNDER OBLIGATION TO NIXON BY ASKING HIM FOR HELP. MC DONALD BELIEVES HARRY WACHTEL, NEW YORK CITY ATTORNEY AND SCLC ADVISOR, IS URGING CORETTA TO CALL NIXON.

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LEVISON COUNSELED THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO CORETTA TALKING TO NIXON ABOUT THE MEMORIAL AS LONG AS SHE TAKES THE APPROACH THAT IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF ASKING NIXON FOR A FAVOR

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Tom Collins, SecSer, noted 1:10pm 2/4/69 & A Rosen, Ash, White House advised by phone 2/4/69

2/5/69 Memo to Dr. Kissinger & Jordan
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BUT RATHER THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OWES IT TO THE NEGROES AND TO THE MEMORY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL. HE SAID HE PREVIOUSLY ADVISED HER TO TAKE THIS APPROACH. LEVISON PLANNED TO CONTACT HARRY WACHTEL TO DETERMINE WHAT HE ADVISED CORETTA KING TO SAY TO NIXON.

A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, IN APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR DESCRIBED STANLEY LEVISON AS A SECRET MEMBER OF THE CP, USA AS OF JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. [redacted]

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FOR INFORMATION OF ATLANTA, MC DONALD STATED CORETTA KING WAS THEN WITH CHARLOTTE (PHONETIC) AT PASCHAL'S (PHONETIC) TEL. FIVE SEVEN SEVEN-THREE ONE FIVE ZERO EXTENSION TWO TWENTY THREE.

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February 10, 1969

BY LIAISON

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Dr. Kissinger:

Previous information was furnished to the President on January 23, 1969, concerning the communist influence on the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which he founded.

The enclosed document contains further information on the continuing communist influence in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The above information is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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February 10, 1969

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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The Southern Christian Leadership Conference is the organization founded by the late Martin Luther King, Jr. In the Spring of 1968 this organization ran the Poor People's Campaign in Washington, D. C., a campaign of massive civil disobedience to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to poor people.

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 1/20/69, captioned COMINFIL OF SCLC.

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and eight copies of an LHM, for Chicago two copies, for WFO two copies, and for New York five copies of LHM.

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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JACK O'DELL

The Summer, 1968, issue of "Freedomways" lists J.H. O'Dell(Jack O'Dell) as its Associate Managing Editor.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild":

1. Cited as a Communist front.

   (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions," and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents". (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

   (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

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The second Quarter, 1968, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE	Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON	Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL	Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE	Art Editor

"The Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper, June 25, 1967, Page 10, contained an article on a memorial to MIKE GOLD held at Town Hall, New York City, the previous Friday night. It said that one of the speakers was JOHN HENRIK CLARKE of "Freedomways".

"The Worker", May 21, 1967, Page 3, contained an article on the death of MIKE GOLD on May 15, 1967, in San Francisco, California. It described him as having been an author and columnist for "The Worker" for 32 years. It noted that he joined the CP "shortly after it was founded and to which he adhered till the day he died".

A third source advised on February 16, 1968, that a committee from the 6th Assembly District Club, Kings County CP, visited BUNNY DEVINE, a member of that club, on February 14, 1968, to determine why she had not attended club meetings for

more than one year. BUNNY DEVINE said she had talked with JAMES JACKSON about the possibility of organizing a new club in their area with members of their intellectual and cultural level and that he was in favor of it. She said she believed her husband, JOHN DEVINE, and ESTHER JACKSON would join such a club.

A fourth source advised on April 16, 1968, that JAMES JACKSON, husband of ESTHER JACKSON, is the Chairman of the International Affairs Department, CP, USA.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Atlanta, Georgia

January 30, 1969

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan SECRET

FROM : G. C. Moore

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
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DATE: February 7, 1969
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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

To recommend that a document concerning continuing communist influence in the SCLC, the organization of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., be furnished to the White House and the Attorney General.

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Previous information concerning communist influence in the SCLC has been furnished to the White House and to the Attorney General.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, the attached letters and their enclosures will be delivered to Dr. Henry A. Kissinger at the White House and the Attorney General.

Enclosures
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February 10, 1969

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-16238) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL - SCLC SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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(OO: ATLANTA)

Re Chicago airtel and LHM, dated 1/21/69, this caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM concerning the 2/5/69 appearance in Chicago of Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY. Two copies for Atlanta for information.

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RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Regarding Reverend Abernathy's February 5, 1969 visit to Chicago, the "Chicago Tribune", edition of February 6, 1969, carried an article on page twenty-three, entitled, "Reverend Abernathy Announces Plan To Organize The Poor."

The article contained information reflecting that Reverend Abernathy had announced a nationwide drive to organize poor whites and Negroes in this country through an alliance and working agreements between labor unions, civil rights and religious organizations. This organizational campaign is to officially begin on April 4, 1969, the first anniversary of the assassination of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., formerly SCLC President.

In Chicago, Reverend Abernathy had met with leaders of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, at this union's headquarters, 2800 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. Present had been Patrick Gorman, Secretary - Treasurer of this union, who had subsequently pledged the full support of the union's manpower and funds to assist in this organizational drive, to be headed by the SCLC.

Gorman had also charged that the AFL-CIO has been slow in eliminating discrimination within member unions, but that this particular union, the fifth largest in the AFL-CIO, now includes some 170,000 Negroes.

Another union official had stated that unorganized workers will be recruited by cooperating unions with jurisdiction for workers in that particular industry. Where no union currently exists, especially in the South, this drive will hopefully establish a union for future affiliation with international union organizations.

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During a press conference subsequent to this meeting, Reverend Abernathy also stated that among key targets for this campaign would be sanitation workers, hospital employees, domestics, and other similar areas where union bargaining rights do not exist at the present time.

On February 6, 1969, [redacted] was cognizant of Reverend Abernathy's presence in Chicago on February 5, 1969. He advised that no incidents connected with his presence here had taken place and the best available information [redacted] was that Reverend Abernathy had departed Chicago during the evening hours of February 5, 1969.

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A copy of this memorandum is being provided the following agencies:

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO DCC

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the National DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. These delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble of the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965 identities of those serving of the NEC has varied;

however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of May, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 1030 Fell Street, San Francisco, California.

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 1/27, 28/ 69, concerning STANLEY LEVISON's intention to insert a statement on anti-semitism in his next mail appeal letter, his views on JAMES BEVEL, and his intention to meet CORETTA KING at Kennedy International airport on her return from Indi[redacted]

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A confidential source advised that on January 27, 1969, Stanley Levison told Joseph Lowery, SCLC official, that the new SCLC appeal for money should contain a statement on the emergence of anti-semitism especially in the New York area. Lowery agreed this should be done, and said he would check with Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President, on the statement but that if Levison did not hear from him (Lowery), Levison should proceed with it.

According to the source, they also discussed the recent statement by James Bevel, SCLC official, as to the innocence of James Earl Ray, alleged assassin of Martin Luther King, Jr. Levison stated that most people agree that Bevel is seeking publicity and said that if Abernathy is making statements to compete with Bevel for publicity he is doing a disservice to the SCLC. Levison called Abernathy insecure and stupid and stated Abernathy is not his leader. He expressed the opinion that if some good leadership is not given the SCLC it will fall apart.

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The same source learned on January 28, 1969, that Dora McDonald, SCLC Secretary, Atlanta, Georgia, told Levison that Abernathy wished to talk to Levison before a press conference he was having but did not have time. She said he wanted to get Levison's advice on what he should say concerning the Bevel matter.

The source added that on the afternoon of January 28, 1969, Levison went to John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York City, to meet Coretta King on her return from India and to attend her press conference.

"The New York Times", January 29, 1969, page 22, contained an article on the intention of James Bevel to organize nonvolent street demonstrations, if necessary, to save the life of James Earl Ray. In this article, it is stated that Ralph Abernathy, in Atlanta, reversed an earlier statement and said Bevel does not have the authority to speak for the SCLC or its Board of Directors.

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Re Bureau letter dated 2/5/69, wherein the former Attorney General's denial as contained in his memorandum of 1/17/69, regarding a request for tesurs was set forth.

The Bureau advised consideration will be given to re-submitting a request for such tesurs to the present Attorney General.

The Bureau is requested to advise Atlanta if a current technical survey should be prepared to facilitate requests contemplated of the present Attorney General for tesurs. If such survey is desirable, Bureau authority to conduct the survey is requested.

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Provided full security is assured authority is granted to conduct a survey concerning a technical surveillance on the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta.

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The Long Island Star-Journal on Page 1 of its November 2, 1962 edition, published an article entitled "Communist Resigns from Reverend King's Group". This article reflected Reverend King announced on November 2, 1962 that O'Dell, who had previously been identified as a "communist" in a news story, had resigned "as an official" of SCLC.

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JACK O'DELL

The Spring, 1968, issue of "Freedomways" lists J.H. O'Dell(Jack O'Dell) as its Associate Managing Editor.

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

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The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

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The second Quarter, 1968, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE	Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON	Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL	Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE	Art Editor

"The Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper, June 25, 1967, Page 10, contained an article on a memorial to MIKE GOLD held at Town Hall, New York City, the previous Friday night. It said that one of the speakers was JOHN HENRIK CLARKE of "Freedomways".

"The Worker", May 21, 1967, Page 3, contained an article on the death of MIKE GOLD on May 15, 1967, in San Francisco, California. It described him as having been an author and columnist for "The Worker" for 32 years. It noted that he joined the CP "shortly after it was founded and to which he adhered till the day he died".

A third source advised on February 16, 1968, that a committee from the 6th Assembly District Club, Kings County CP, visited BUNNY DEVINE, a member of that club, on February 14, 1968, to determine why she had not attended club meetings for

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more than one year. BUNNY DEVINE said she had talked with JAMES JACKSON about the possibility of organizing a new club in their area with members of their intellectual and cultural level and that he was in favor of it. She said she believed her husband, JOHN DEVINE, and ESTHER JACKSON would join such a club.

A fourth source advised on April 16, 1968, that JAMES JACKSON, husband of ESTHER JACKSON, is the Chairman of the International Affairs Department, CP, USA.

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Information is set forth in the attached report reflecting both the inactivity of the SCLC locally, other than as relates to Operation Breadbasket (subject of a separate Chicago file), and the lack of any Communist Party (CP) influence, control or infiltration of the SCLC locally. Consequently, this matter is being placed in a closed status, to be re-activated prior to August, 1969, at which time a subsequent report will be submitted in the event any pertinent information is developed or is available regarding this matter.

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Synopsis: Information set forth reflecting Reverend JESSE L. JACKSON, Northern Director, Operation Breadbasket, of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) provides day to day leadership to Chicago SCLC activities. Operation Breadbasket is principal local SCLC program. SCLC office now located 366 East 47th Street. Communist Party of Illinois exerts no influence or control over local SCLC activities.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

This investigation is predicated upon information previously received to the effect that members of the Communist Party, USA, (CP, USA) have infiltrated the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to be hereafter referred to as the SCLC. The investigation reported herein is directed solely toward establishing the extent of communist infiltration into the SCLC. The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of the SCLC.

I. CHICAGO SCLC OFFICERS AND STAFF EMPLOYEES

Reverend RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Reverend JESSE LOUIS JACKSON

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II. SCLC OFFICES AND FUNDS

The SCLC administrative functions in Chicago are now handled exclusively out of space maintained at 366 East 47th Street, on Chicago's south side. This is the local headquarters of OB and is the office address of Reverend JESSE JACKSON. The SCLC formerly operated out of 3543 West Jackson Boulevard, a west side settlement house maintained by the American Friends Service Committee, however, the SCLC operation here terminated at the conclusion of the Poor People's Campaign in the late summer of 1968.

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A characterization of LEVISON will be found at the conclusion of this report.

III. CURRENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF SCLC IN CHICAGO

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SCLC in Chicago at the present for all practical purposes does not exist as a functioning organization, other than through the medium of OB and in the person of Reverend JESSE JACKSON. Subsequent to the termination of the Poor People's Campaign, SCLC as such has not been a factor in the local civil rights scene.

There was a brief flurry of SCLC activity during the period of the DNC in Chicago, however, this was due

largely to the presence here of the national SCLC leadership and SCLC staff from various other parts of the country. Reverend ABERNATHY made an appearance before the Platform Committee of the DNC and the SCLC Poor People's Campaign mule train was brought to Chicago where it was utilized for demonstration purposes during the Convention. This mule train did appear in areas where major disturbances occurred during that time, however, no information is available reflecting any SCLC personnel played any active or organizational role in the disturbances.

On a continuing basis OB is the sole SCLC program in Chicago. Reverend JACKSON is the moving force behind this economic arm of SCLC, aimed at obtaining increased employment opportunities for Negroes [redacted] b7D

JACKSON has involved himself in various fringe civil rights programs in Chicago which tends to keep his name and the image of SCLC alive locally. These issues include such as the "Black Christmas Project", the current controversy between black elements in the Catholic Archdiocese and the question of black control and black parish priests in ghetto churches within the Archdiocese. JACKSON also received publicity for himself and OB with his vocal opposition to the recent increase in Chicago Transit Authority fares, which increase he alleged would work the greatest hardship on poor Chicago black people.

Under the leadership of JACKSON OB has been aggressive and relatively successful in its negotiations and dealings with the large local business chains in the obtaining of increased employment opportunities for Negroes, increased deposits in black community financial institutions and the like. He has enlisted in support of OB much of the city's black clergy and it must be recognized that as a practical matter JACKSON is SCLC in Chicago.

IV. INTEREST OF THE CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT IN INFILTRATION AND INFLUENCE OF SCLC, CHICAGO

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V. SCLC CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH PAST OR PRESENT CP AFFILIATIONS

In early July, 1968, CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE was in contact with STANLEY LEVISON, relative to a meeting both were to attend in the next few days in New York City, New York, having to do with SCLC organizational and financial matters. ESKRIDGE is reported to have stated during this contact that he and LEVISON, between them, would straighten out and re-organize SCLC affairs. (S)

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CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE and STANLEY LEVISON were in contact during the middle of July, 1968, regarding the organization and a forthcoming meeting of the SCLC research committee. (S) b1

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On August 24, 1968, SCLC sponsored a so-called National Committee of Inquiry conference held in Chicago at 3762 South Wabash Avenue. Reverend JESSE JACKSON was the keynote speaker at this affair and a large number of well-known public figures were present as guest speakers, inclusive of HARRY BELAFONTE, the latter very active in terms of fund raising for SCLC.

BELAFONTE was a speaker at this affair and related the background of the organization of the National Committee of Inquiry, describing it as a part of SCLC organized by Reverend KING shortly before his assassination. Its purpose was to look into the national political system and to try to change this system for the betterment of black people and to form a black political coalition.

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Both STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY BELAFONTE have been referred to above.

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] concerning a meeting called by Mayor JOHN LINDSAY of New York City on 2/7/69, which was concerned with anti-Semitism in New York City. [S]

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For the information of the Bureau, LEVISON on 2/8/69, conversed with a CHARLOTTE (LNU), who it is believed is assisting CORETTA KING with her book and with HARRY BELAFONTE. In both these conversations, he was asked about the meting with Mayor JOHN LINDSAY. In his comments to BELAFONTE, LEVISON stated that LINDSAY looks and sounds like "a bright, superficial rich guy grappling with more than he can handle". [S]

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 8, 1969, that on that date, Stanley Levison alluded to a meeting held on February 7, 1969, by Mayor John Lindsay of New York City which was concerned with the question of anti-Semitism in that city. According to the source, Levison, who attended the meeting, described it as not very encouraging and as resulting in a paucity of ideas. He said there was no opportunity for discussion in the two hours of the meeting, that the Jewish representatives present were very virtuous and claimed they had been in the vanguard of the civil rights movement for years, and that the Negroes present exercised restraint.

Levison stated that nothing came out of the meeting, that the only thing Mayor Lindsay could suggest was to have a conference in April, 1969, among the various groups to talk things out. Levison mentioned that Mae Mallory used the opportunity of the meeting to be insulting and nasty to the Mayor. N.Y.

The same source learned on February 5, 1969, that Levison had advised Andrew Young, SCLC Executive Vice President that the New York Office of the SCLC had received a wire from Mayor Lindsay requesting the SCLC to sent a representative to a small meeting on Friday morning, February 7, 1969, to discuss the question of anti-Semitism and the Botein report. Levison felt it was important that the SCLC have a representative at this meeting because of the importance of the issue and because the SCLC has not as yet commented on it.

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Bernard Botein, retired New York State Supreme Court Justice, headed Mayor Lindsay's Special Committee on Racial and Religious Prejudice.

Mae Mallory

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[redacted] that Mae Mallory, former consulate head of the Republic of New Africa, (RNA) Chapter in New York City, attended a two-day policy and planning conference sponsored by the RNA on December 7, 8, 1968.

A characterization of the RNA is attached.

Stanley Levison

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APPENDIX

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REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA (RNA)

Source advised on May 1, 1968, that the Black Government Conference sponsored by the Malcolm X Society met March 30-31, 1968, at Detroit, Michigan, to establish a provisional government. At this conference, the Republic of New Africa (RNA) was formed for the purpose of organizing an independent Negro nation which was to be made up of several states of the United States. According to source, ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, currently in China, was elected President of the RNA; MILTON ROBINSON HENRY was elected First Vice President of the RNA.

Regarding WILLIAMS, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the crime of Kidnaping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled the United States to Cuba where he published a monthly newsletter entitled "The Crusader" from Havana, Cuba. As of December, 1966, WILLIAMS was residing in Peking, China.

Source advised during May, 1968, that MILTON ROBINSON HENRY is an attorney of law from Pontiac, Michigan, area and is regarded as one of the leaders of the Black Nationalist Movement in the Detroit, Michigan, area.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. These delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself. [redacted]

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble of the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965 identities of those serving of the NEC has varied;

however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of May, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 1830 Fell Street, San Francisco, California.

W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO DCC

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the National DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

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The second Quarter, 1968, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE	Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON	Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL	Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE	Art Editor

"The Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper, June 25, 1967, Page 10, contained an article on a memorial to MIKE GOLD held at Town Hall, New York City, the previous Friday night. It said that one of the speakers was JOHN HENRIK CLARKE of "Freedomways".

"The Worker", May 21, 1967, Page 3, contained an article on the death of MIKE GOLD on May 15, 1967, in San Francisco, California. It described him as having been an author and columnist for "The Worker" for 32 years. It noted that he joined the CP "shortly after it was founded and to which he adhered till the day he died".

A third source advised on February 15, 1968, that a committee from the 6th Assembly District Club, Kings County CP, visited BUNNY DEVINE, a member of that club, on February 14, 1968, to determine why she had not attended club meetings for

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more than one year. BUNNY DEVINE said she had talked with JAMES JACKSON about the possibility of organizing a new club in their area with members of their intellectual and cultural level and that he was in favor of it. She said she believed her husband, JOHN DEVINE, and ESTHER JACKSON would join such a club.

A fourth source advised on April 16, 1968, that JAMES JACKSON, husband of ESTHER JACKSON, is the Chairman of the International Affairs Department, CP, USA. b1

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The New York Times on Page 1 of its April 5, 1967 edition, published an article captioned "Dr. King Proposes a Boycott of War". This article reflected that on April 4, 1967 Reverend King addressed an overflow crowd at the Riverside Church. During his speech, he described the American Government as the "greatest purveyor of violence in the world today".

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JACK O'NEIL

The Summer, 1960, issue of "Freedomways" lists J.H. O'Dell(Jack O'Dell) as its Associate Managing Editor.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

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The second Quarter, 1968, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE	Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON	Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL	Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE	Art Editor

"The Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper, June 25, 1967, Page 10, contained an article on a memorial to MIKE GOID held at Town Hall, New York City, the previous Friday night. It said that one of the speakers was JOHN HENRIK CLARKE of "Freedomways".

"The Worker", May 21, 1967, Page 3, contained an article on the death of MIKE GOLD on May 15, 1967, in San Francisco, California. It described him as having been an author and columnist for "The Worker" for 32 years. It noted that he joined the CP "shortly after it was founded and to which he adhered till the day he died".

A third source advised on February 16, 1968, that a committee from the 6th Assembly District Club, Kings County CP, visited BUNNY DEVINE, a member of that club, on February 14, 1968, to determine why she had not attended club meetings for

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more than one year. BUNNY DEVINE said she had talked with JAMES JACKSON about the possibility of organizing a new club in their area with members of their intellectual and cultural level and that he was in favor of it. She said she believed her husband, JOHN DEVINE, and ESTHER JACKSON would join such a club.

A fourth source advised on April 16, 1968, that JAMES JACKSON, husband of ESTHER JACKSON, is the Chairman of the International Affairs Department, CP, USA.

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